

REMARKS

In the Office Action of September 7, 2005, the Examiner specified that the Applicants' reply filed on June 16, 2005 did not indicate a statutory class of invention for the system Claims 17-21. Thus, the Examiner rendered the Applicants' Office Action Response of June 16, 2005 not fully responsive.

To expedite the prosecution, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 17 falls at least within a statutory class of product claims. Per M.P.E.P. 2106.IV.B.(2)(a), products may be either machines, manufactures, or compositions of matter. As described in the Applicants' specification, each component recited in Claim 17 could be located on the same or different entities. As submitted in the previous Office Action Response, each component, as well as the functionality performed by each component, is fully described in the Applicants' specification, such as, for example, in reference to the description of Figures 3 and 4.

Thus, the Applicants submit that all claims meet the statutory subject requirement. For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants request reconsideration.

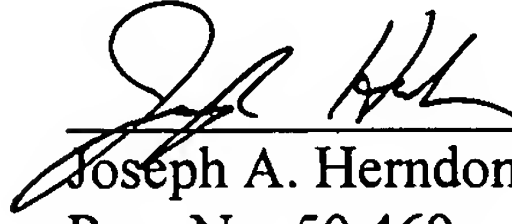
CONCLUSION

In view of the reasons provided above and in the previous Office Action Response, the Applicants submit that the invention as claimed in independent Claims 1, 12, 17, and 22 patentably distinguish over the Keith and Nordlicht references, either in combination or as they stand alone. Each dependent claim adds further limitations supporting individual allowability based on the detailed discussion for Claims 1, 12, and 17 provided above. Therefore, the Applicants submit that each of these claims is in condition for allowance, and the Applicants respectfully request favorable

reconsideration. If the Examiner believes that further dialog would expedite consideration of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Monika Dudek at (312) 476-1118 or the undersigned attorney/agent.

Respectfully submitted

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